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Student body vice president says good-bye to Wartburg, hello to KWWL.

by Jeff Halter and Annette Everding
Staff Writer and News Editor

Student Body Vice President Brian VanDeBerg informed Student Senate Thursday that he is resigning.

He is accepting a full-time sports and news internship at KWWL channel 7 in Waterloo.

According to the Student Body Constitution, Article Three, Section Three, Sub-section E, "To be eligible for the offices of President, Vice President, Recorder or Treasurer, a candidate cannot be involved in a full-time student teaching or internship position during the Fall or Winter Term of his/her term in office."

As a junior VanDeBerg has been involved in Student Senate for two and one-half years.

He represented Grossmann Three as a freshman, as a sophomore he was treasurer and this year he was elected vice president.

"This experience has been a great opportunity to learn a lot about the Wartburg community and I will miss it," he said.

Although he did sign on for a whole year as vice president, VanDeBerg said he felt he had to take the internship next term due to his busy schedule. He also said he would like to graduate in four years.

In talking with Lex Smith, VanDeBerg said he learned he could stay in Senate as a senator this year.

VanDeBerg, who would like to return to Senate in the fall of 1998, looks at himself as "not going away, but just taking a break."

Even if VanDeBerg is not involved in Senate this year or next, he said he will still be around campus, involved with people and activities.

"That is the main point when you are vice president," he said.

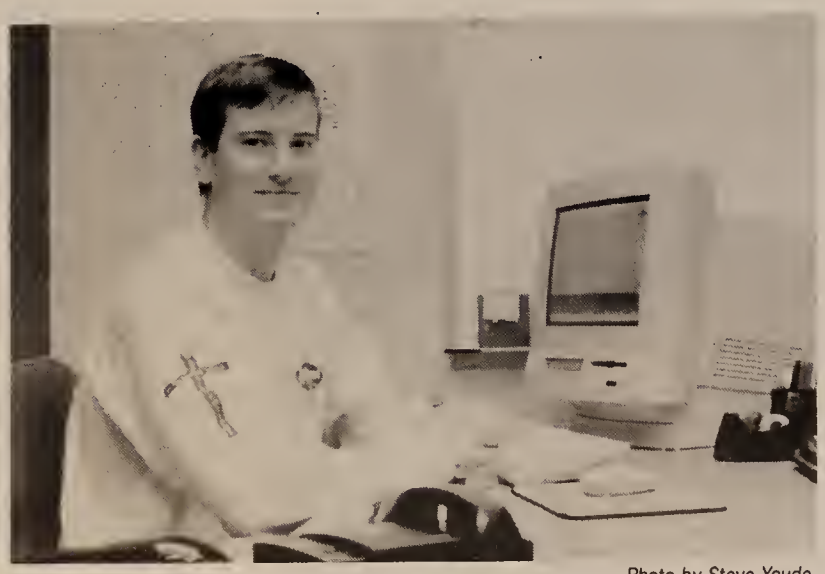
VanDeBerg was able to bring a lot to Senate, according to Student Body President Jeremy Brummond.

"He is fun, an excellent student leader, is looked up to by many underclass senators and will be greatly missed," said Brummond. "We were elected as a team and it feels bad that our team is going to be broken up."

The role of student body vice president is going to be filled "by the beginning of Winter Term," according to Brummond.

"I am giving this decision a lot of consideration," he said.

Brummond will nominate a new vice president and the Student Senate as a whole will vote on the person.



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LAST DAYS OF OFFICE—Student Body Vice President Brian VanDeBerg sits at his desk in the Student Senate office for one of his last times as vice president. VanDeBerg resigned from his position Thursday to take an internship at KWWL next term. VanDeBerg hopes to still be involved in Senate next year.

by Annette Everding
News Editor

Sexual orientation was put to the vote and passed 20-12-3 by Student Senate on Thursday.

This means sexual orientation is one step closer to being added to Wartburg's non-discrimination policy.

Student Body President Jeremy Brummond said he was surprised by the vote.

"We don't usually have this much of a split," he said.

"I was very happy," Students for Peace and Justice (SPJ) member Liz Albertson said. "This is a small victory in a huge battle for us."

SPJ was one of the strongest voices on campus asking to have sexual orientation added to the policy.

According to Albertson, the organization was calling for the addition of sexual orientation because it will prevent the college from discriminating against who gets to be part of campus life and activities.

Brummond said he doesn't see why the addition of sexual orientation should not be passed by the President's Council and the Board of Regents.

By having Student Senate's name on the approval it is the same as having the student body's name on it, according to Brummond. If the administration doesn't pass it, this will be saying the administration doesn't listen to the student voices, he said.

Putting sexual orientation into the non-discrimination policy was a very controversial issue for the senators because there were many different views on what it would accomplish, according to Brummond.

The biggest question raised was what putting sexual orientation into the policy would do for students, he said.

Many senators raised the point that the non-discrimination policy covers genetic characteristics of a person and sexual orientation has not yet been proven to be genetic.

"The majority felt discrimination in any case is wrong and it doesn't matter if you can't prove if it is genetic or isn't," Brummond said.

College looks at options for keeping library open

by Tabi Schueler
Staff Writer

Renovations on the future Robert and Sally Vogel Library will not result in the library completely closing down, said Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Book.

Students have voiced concerns that the library will close during renovations and they will be forced to find their materials elsewhere.

This is not true, said Book. "We will be open, whether in that facility [Engelbrecht Library] or elsewhere."

Two options are currently being discussed on how to continue providing library services to the students, according to Book.

Book said one option is called phasing, meaning the library will remain open during construction.

The first step would be to complete the new addition and lower level, he said. While this part of the construction is being done the library would be operated out of the top two floors.

When the new addition and lower level are completed, Book said, the library would operate out of these two areas and construction on the top two levels would take place.

This option would add four to six months to the project and be more expensive, he said.

According to Book the second option is to relocate the library service area to another location on campus and put the books in storage.

If students wanted a book or other materials, they would go to the new service area and tell the worker what they wanted.

The library workers would get the needed materials from storage and students could pick the materials up later that day from the service area or have them delivered to their dorm, he said.

The main reference section and other critical areas would remain in the storage area, Book said.

The executive committee of the Board of Regents has yet to meet and act on whether to proceed with the project.

If the board's action is positive, bidding on the project and awarding a contract would take place in May.

Groundbreaking and construction would also take place in May.

December 1999 is the estimated date of completion.

Photo by Heather Simpson

SINGIN' FOR JOY—Twenty-four seniors participated in the December Baccalaureate and Commencement on Sunday in the Chapel. Religion professor Lake Lambert gave the address during the ceremony. These students will receive their official diplomas after finals have been taken and recorded.

Superfans here to stay

by Annette Everding
News Editor

The orange and black are now officially recognized on Wartburg's campus.

That's right—the Wartburg Superfans are here to stay, and they no longer have to have original members only.

In their third year, the Wartburg Superfans are a common sight on the campus during sporting events and other Wartburg campus activities.

They are a group of approximately 20 students who wear orange shirts, orange stocking hats and black pants as they cheer the Knights on to victory.

"Our main goal is to be a motivational factor behind the Knights and to cheer them on as they win," said original member Marc Groen.

According to Groen, now that the Superfans are an officially recognized organization, they can actively recruit people to be in the organization.

As a recognized organization, the Superfans also receive limited funding from Student Senate.

Junior Mike Nehre said there are four "very simple" criteria one must meet to be a Superfan:

- Number one: the student must attend three athletic events per semester.
- Number two: the student must wear orange and black, or Wartburg apparel (preferably the school colors).
- Number three: the student must know and perform the Fight Song, the Loyalty Song, and the ORANGE cheer as a group.
- Number four: the student must attend 50 percent of the meetings.

After students have met the four criteria, they will be knighted by one of the members of the Orange Table and become an official member.

According to the Wartburg College Superfan constitution, the process of becoming a member is "not meant to be hazing" or "to humiliate or demoralize."

Students who violate any of the rules of the Superfans will go in front of the Knights of the Orange Table, nine elected original members.

Two warnings will be given before a student is dismissed for violating any of the requirements, according to the constitution.

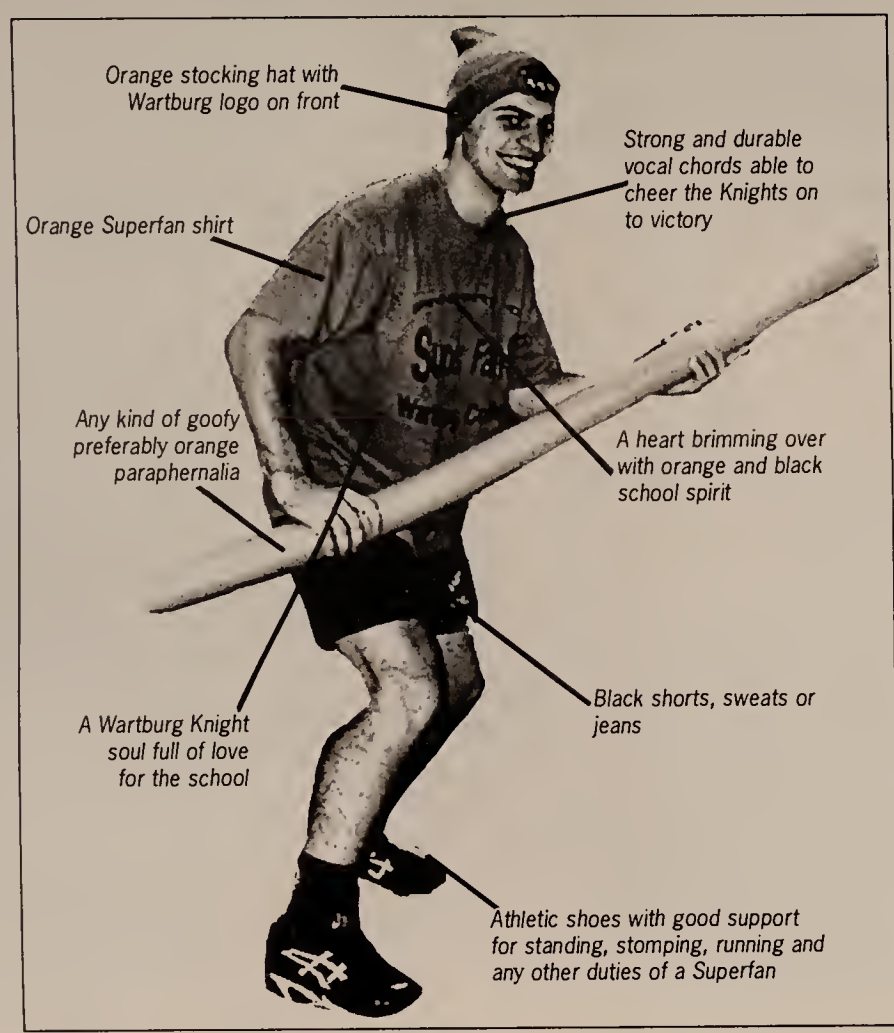
"It's a good time to get together with a group of friends and enjoy a game," Nehre said.

"We have fun and cheer [the Knights] on. The Superfans only do positive cheers for Wartburg. We like to keep it clean," he added.

Nehre said they have been told by athletes that their support is appreciated during the games.

"I think it is a great intimidation factor for the other team to look over and see a bunch of orange people," he said.

Students who are interested in becoming a Superfan should contact Groen or Nehre.



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Donation saves college money

by Ellie Miller
Staff Writer

Six computer systems valued at $5,000 were recently donated to Wartburg at the suggestion of an alumnus.

Electroglas, a California-based company, wanted to dispose of some Macintosh computer systems that can be used on campus, said Tom Hausmann, director of computer services.

Victor Thu, a Wartburg graduate and former computer services student employee, works for Electroglas and was the connection between the company and Wartburg.

Thu simply called and asked if Wartburg was willing to take a donation, said Hausmann.

"Victor's company was kind enough to send us a large wooden crate, about the size of a fish house," said Hausmann.

He said it has not yet been decided where the computers will be used on campus, but one will go to the College Relations office.

"[College Relations] desperately needed a file server," said Hausmann, and this donation saved the college a substantial amount of money.

Hausmann said he envisions using the remaining computers as replacement machines for temporarily out-of-order machines.

"If there isn't sufficient need [to use the computers as replacements], we'll get them into one of the labs," he said. "You can be sure they'll get out there and not just sit."

None of the donated computer systems will be used in the new music computer lab, said Hausmann.

This lab is already in the process of being built in the Fine Arts Center.

Hausmann said the new equipment is working well.

"It's a great partnership if donated equipment works, and [this equipment] does," he said. "It's just a win-win situation."

Finals Week Study Breaks

- Tonight from 8 to 9:30 in the Visitor's Center, CAB will have cinnamon rolls, hot cider and hot chocolate along with a special surprise.
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Parking status not detemined just by seniority

by Brent Holten
Staff Writer

With the end of Fall Term approaching, some students are wondering about the parking lot situation on campus.

There is one frequently asked question about the lots. Why are some of the upperclassmen cars placed in the worst lots on campus?

"The upperclassmen who are in D and B lots did not preregister their cars soon enough last April when the preregistration started," Security Secretary Susan Lenius said.

Lenius said the selection of lots is all done by the date of registration and the classification of the student with seniors getting priority.

Students are asked to mark their choices for the lot they prefer, and if their first choice is full, they move to the second choice.

"All of the registration cards are entered into the computer and it calculates the classification and the lot choice indicated," Lenius said.

To accommodate students who have a special need is also included in the choice of the lots.

Special needs are student teaching, field experience, off-campus employment, internships and medical needs.

As of right now, only two cars will be leaving campus because of December graduation according to Lenius.

"We will find out if there will be more open spaces during the first week or two after break when we are informed of students who are not returning to campus," she said.

Students who are on the waiting list will be moved to the open spaces in the lots.

"There are no plans to change any parking regulations this year since all of the lots are full," said Security Director John Myers.

Christmas Break begins Thursday at 5:35 p.m. All students must be out of the residence halls by noon on Friday. If students wish to stay longer they must get permission from Residential Life. Halls will reopen on Sunday, January 4 at 1 p.m. and food service will resume on Monday morning. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6.

DANCES WITH GARLAND—Dancing St. Francis found himself a part of the Christmas season on Wartburg's campus. The statue was decorated with two different streams of blue and gold garland which he now wears as he dances in the sun.

St. Francis, an icon of Wartburg's spirit, occasionally finds himself adorned in seasonal styles. Francis also sported a Wartburg Superfan get-up this fall when the Knights defeated Luther College on the gridiron. When the Green Bay Packers won the Superbowl last year, a fan on campus put a "cheesehead" hat on the statue.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

Speakers move through competition, Swab receives third place finish overall

by Katie Shearn
Staff Writer

Sophomore Lisa Swab placed highest of the three Wartburg students who went to speech contest Tuesday in Minnesota.

She entered the informative category and placed third over-all.

Swab received a plaque for her overall placement in the contest.

Senior Rachelle Mau, freshman Dina Auld and Swab were the three students who traveled with Coach Peggy Hanfelt to Normandale Community College near Bloomington, Minn., for the Twin City Forensic League speech contest.

Mau competed in prose and Auld entered into extemporaneous speaking, but neither qualified for the final round.

Hanfield commented, "Needless to say, we were very happy with our results, and I was proud of all the girls, especially Lisa."

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Editorial

Life: How do you live

It is finally here, my final *Trumpet*. Everyone has been asking me how I feel about facing my last issue as editor. I suppose I would say it is bittersweet. It seems a little odd to think about not being a part of the newspaper anymore. After four years of devoting most of my free time to one thing, it ends.

My hope for this editorial is that it has touched at least one person. With this thought, I would like to get on with my final editorial.

Life, something we all have to take part in. We don't really have a choice on whether we participate in life, but we do have a choice about how we participate in life. I have touched on this subject before, saying we should take chances and get involved and step out of our comfort zone.

I got an e-mail a few weeks back that provided a little insight about life. You may have received this also, but I think it sends an important message.

> It's not about how many friends you have or how accepted you are ... It's not about how beautiful or ugly you are. Or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on, or what kind of music you listen to ... LIFE JUST ISN'T. But, life is about who you love and who you hurt. It's about friendship, used as sanctity or a weapon. It's about the judgments you pass and why. But most of all, it's about using your life to touch or poison other people's hearts in such a way that could never occur alone. Only you choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices are what life's all about.

If you think about life, I mean really think about it. Isn't this one of the truest quotes you've heard? Touching a person's heart or just making someone smile is really what life is all about. Remember during finals, life isn't about getting an A. It is about how you live. Life is a gift we are given.

Carrie Lawton
editor

Toy fever infects parents

Dan Wardell

A Whole Lot of Spankins'

For the past two weekends, I have witnessed hoards of desperate parents using whatever means possible to acquire the "certain" item in the Wal-Mart toy department.

It's like a sickness which takes over their entire bodies, reducing their codes of ethic to very small percentages.

For me, seeing these people is like looking back at a younger Dan Wardell. I also used to be programmed to seek and acquire valuable toys.

I was a little more sneaky than most, however ... Two years ago, Kenner Toys re-released their Star Wars action figure line and collectors across the globe saw this as opportunity reborn.

After being slapped in the face for opening and playing with our original Star Wars figures (reducing their worth to a tiny fraction of what they would be in the packaging), we were not going to make the same mistake again.

So, we collectors found ourselves buying multiples of each figure and locking them away in light sensitive, moisture protected, nuclear warfare safe places. To us, this was an invaluable investment for the future.

Each figure had varying degrees of production rarity, making some worth more than others. Nothing was worth more, however, than the mail-away Han Solo in Stormtrooper Disguise.

To this day, I still remember my mouth watering as I read the rumor that such a toy existed, courtesy of Toucan Sam. Combined with two Fruit Loops proofs of purchase, the official order form guaranteed me Stormtrooper Hans.

It was a mad dash to the grocery store's cereal section. Eureka! The rumor was true.

Ack! Fruit Loops are expensive. I should have known to get this deal I had to buy the $10 jumbo box. This mail-away figure was going to cost much more than regular store figures did.

I was then faced with two alternatives. Empty the bank accounts and develop a taste for fruit loops. Or ... visit the dump.

Hours later, I arrived at the recycling dump. I entered the huge recycling warehouse and immediately found a refrigerator box half filled with ceral box chip board. I scrounged through it finding nothing.

There had to be more somewhere! So I decided it wouldn't hurt if I looked around back. No one seemed to be working there anyway, and so what if there was?—I wasn't doing anything wrong.

I crept to the back and fell upon the mother load. In this place were boxes upon boxes jam packed with chip board.

I rushed over to one, and lying on the top was a fruit loops box complete with order form and proof of purchase.

To heck with pride! Bring on the trash.

In a flurry, I began to scavenge the chip board. Once and awhile I would have the unfortunate pleasure of running across an old moldy coffee filter or a giant shard of broken glass, but my hands were too frozen from the cold to notice.

Hours later, I was on my final refrigerator box—one which I had saved to the end because it was the biggest.

I had a hard time getting it tilted over without spilling it all over the floor, so I had to lean over the side to collect my treasures.

It was at this moment, that a cityu worker came into the back only to find my rear end sticking up in the air as I furiously searched for more treasure.

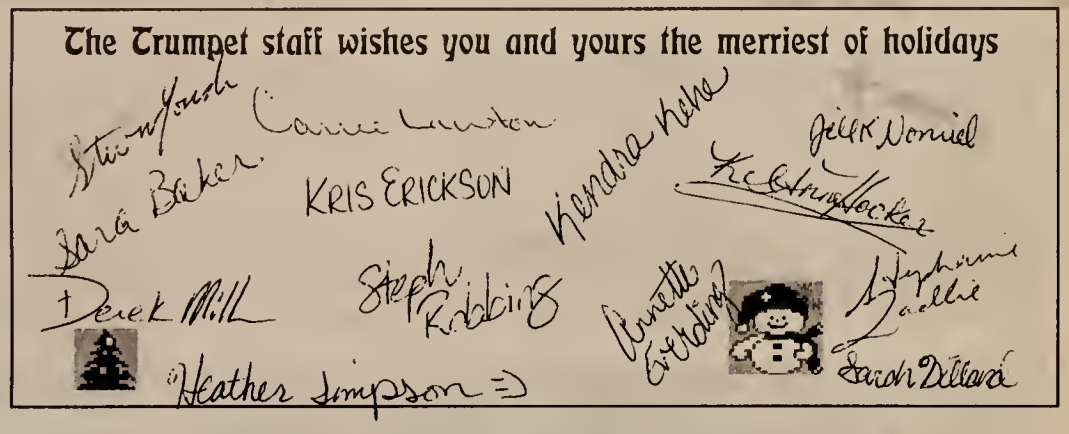
When I realized that he was there, I jumped out of the box and began to say something, but decided to run instead. He looked like he was ready to give me a whole lot of spankins.

Letter

Student expresses thanks, grateful for community

My family and I would like to thank the entire Wartburg community for your support and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. All of the flowers and phone calls helped carry me through and gave me strength and encouragement. I don't think I could ever really express how truly thankful I am to attend a college with so many kind and generous people.

Katy Peterson
sophomore



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Senior suggests foundations change

Krista Klockentager

Tell It Like It Is

Well, it is my senior year. I know none of you know that, because I don't talk about that stuff in my column, not ever.

So anyway, I am almost finished with the Wartburg Plan. Thank goodness. Not that I am knocking the Wartburg Plan at all; I think it really enhances the liberal arts education we get here.

I do have some difficulties, however, with the required foundational studies courses. So, I suppose I will tell you a little bit about it:

Thursday, during a grueling night of Spirit Calling, my callers (all first- and second-year students) and I had a discussion during our break about the foundational studies courses, consisting of Human Expression, Person & Society and Foundations of Science. Each student is required to take these courses by the end of their sophomore year.

Personally, I think since every student is required to take these courses, then every student should have the exact same syllabus, the exact same paper assignments, and the exact same tests.

It is obvious and evident to every student who has taken these courses that there are varying differences among professors in the way these classes are taught. So is it fair to the students?

Here is my philosophy on the whole thing: 1) There should probably be about seven different foundational studies courses offered, of which students would PICK three that they would take before the end of their sophomore year. 2) For papers, each discussion/lab group professor would TAKE THEIR TURN deciding on the topic or content. Papers should be graded at random, where each professor just takes a stack, whether or not those students are in that discussion group. 3) For tests, each discussion/lab professor should submit a question, or a series of questions, depending on whether it is an essay test or multiple choice, or whatever. This way, each student has equal opportunity for grades.

I know a couple years ago while Student Government elections were going on, there was a proposal from one of the presidential candidates to do something similar to this. I don't know if all of the guidelines I have incorporated were involved in this proposal ... he didn't win the election anyway, but isn't it still a good idea?

If the Wartburg Plan, in accordance with the foundational studies, ever does change, I will be very happy for those who will someday have the choice of which classes to take, and I will be very proud of whoever "got it done."

Until then, for you underclasspeople (in order to stay politically correct), just listen to what all the older students tell you about which profs to try and get ... because you know what? That's just how it is!

(WOW. I managed to write this whole thing without mentioning any names ...)

Waverly offers video variety

by Heather Arcaute
Staff Writer

What better to do on a cold night than relax and watch a video?
Each of Waverly's four stores has positives and negatives, but sorry, none of them give a Wartburg student discount.

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TACKY TWO-SOME— Sophomores Janette Keith and Jaimie Ede were awarded "Most Tacky" in Centennial Complex's Christmas Decorating Contest. Keith and Ede received 20-minute phone cards and $5 gift certificates. Judging occurred Thursday night.

Photo by Nate Stoltman

New arena opens

by Chris Thomas
Staff Writer

Waterloo's Young Arena, which opened a new facility earlier this year, offers many things to do both on and off the ice.

The Waterloo Blackhawks make their home at Young Arena. The Blackhawks are a member of the United States Hockey League (U.S.H.L.), a minor league team meant for development of skills, not for high priced players.

Players are not paid. Most of them are 20 years old or younger and are on the team to develop their games in hopes of being drafted into a paid position in a higher league.

Most games are on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays and tickets range from $5 to $7. The Blackhawks next home game is Friday, January 2, at 7:05 p.m. against the Des Moines Buccaneers.

There are also open hockey times scheduled throughout the week. To play, you must have all the necessary equipment and a parent permission form if you are under 18. Times vary and the cost is $4 per session per person.

If you love to skate but hockey isn't your game, there are public open skating times. Skate rental is available and cost is $2. You can choose figure or hockey skates. Times vary and cost of admission is $2.

Other events at Young Arena include concerts, UNI Basketball and Waterloo Warriors Hockey (high school hockey). This year it will host the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships on March 6-7.

The Arena is also open to the public as an indoor running track on nights when there are no major events. For more information on events, open ice times or for directions, call the Young Arena at 291-4300.

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Holiday celebrations vary in world

International students reflect on how they celebrate Christmas in their home country.

Photo by Heather Simpson

HMMM— Sophomore Birthe Neset inspects a string of popcorn on a Christmas tree located on campus. Neset said stringing popcorn for Christmas trees is not a tradition done in Norway. Many international students said Christmas in America is a lot more commercialized than in their home country.

by Katie Shearn
Staff Writer

Many students love celebrating a white Christmas. However, there are some students on campus who have never celebrated a Christmas in snow, or for international students, celebrated as much of a commercialized Christmas as Americans do.

Sophomores Marta Larsen and Birthe Neset from Norway said they celebrate the holiday on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas Day.

According to Larsen and Neset, kids get approximately two weeks off from school. Christmas decorations and lights are put up on houses and around town, but not until roughly a week before Christmas. Families usually don't even decorate the tree until Dec. 23.

Larsen and Neset also said that on every Sunday in December leading up to Christmas, they light a candle in church. In addition, children have an Advent calendar where they open a small gift or surprise every day on the calendar before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, Norwegians attend church at 4 p.m. and then return home to exchange presents and share in a Christmas meal. An example of a Norwegian meal would consist of lamb ribs, potatoes, Swedish turnips, caramel pudding and a cone-shaped almond cake. Of course, each family varies some in the way they celebrate. The day of Christmas is usually spent visiting family and friends' houses.

Once the day has past, in the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve, the children dress up and go from house to house asking for candy, much like Halloween in the United States.

Junior Ian Gan said the celebration of Christmas in Malaysia traces back to their three main races: Malays, Chinese and Indians. Gan said each race practices different religions. Among Christianity, Buddhism and Islam, it's only the Christians that celebrate Christmas. According to Gan, Christmas is a one-day celebration and there are no days off from work for this holiday. The Christian families get Christmas trees, but they are plastic because there are very few pine trees in the country. Christians there do get together with families and exchange presents. Gan said the biggest difference for them is that there's no snow.

The bigger holidays celebrated by the other religions in Malaysia are "Hari Raya," which is the Muslim New Year, and "Deepaval," the Hindu New Year.

Freshman Ada Tse of Hong Kong said that Christmas is more popular for the amount of time they have off from work and school than it is for the actual celebration.

According to Tse, during the week of Christmas, the official public holiday lasts from a day before Christmas Eve to the day after Christmas. During those days hotels in Hong Kong have huge Christmas dinners where people can go to eat. The districts (towns) would put lights on buildings to create big patterns, but the individual houses wouldn't be decorated. Sometimes, Tse said, young people would have parties and exchange presents, but it's not as big of a deal as it is here.

"It's a public holiday and that's what most people are excited or concerned about," Tse said.

For people in Hong Kong, the Chinese New Year is a huge celebration with many parties.

Freshman Hassin Farid said they don't celebrate Christmas in Pakistan. A big holiday for them is "Eid," which is celebrated twice a year. They fast for 30 days before the holiday and then celebrate for five days.

Many international students agree that experiencing the American way of celebrating Christmas in the United States is a wonderful experience for them.

Wartburg staff members craft Christmas presents

by Jennifer Holloway and Sarah Christopherson
Staff Writers

For most people, giving Christmas gifts to loved ones includes hopping in the car, driving to the mall or nearest Wal-Mart store and spending many frustrating hours searching for that perfect present. But for two faculty and staff members at Wartburg, it involves much more.

For Bonnie Graser, computer services secretary, it involves spending hours painstakingly carving small pieces of lumber to make gifts for the people on her list.

From September to December, Graser works every night, carving Santa figurines, tree ornaments and Christmas pins to give to family and friends. She also sells some of her crafts at the Wartburg Campus Crafters Bazaar, which is held during parents weekend.

Graser has been carving since 1988 after taking a carving class. She entered her first show, the Iowa Woodcarvers Show, the following year. Currently she is serving her third term of three years as secretary of the Northeast Iowa Woodcarvers Club.

Graser said she usually carves about two nights a week, except during the holiday season. Aside from her Christmas crafts, she also makes jewelry and figurines, most of which she paints. Graser said most of her creations are small, with the largest one being about 20 inches tall.

Some of Graser's carvings are currently being displayed in the Wartburg art gallery, including a figure portraying President Lincoln.

Cheryl Ferguson, who teaches public speaking at Wartburg, has an "artful sort of a background." Prior to teaching, Ferguson, originally from Chicago, used to make crafts for a living.

Ferguson can crochet, sew, draw and paint.

She said her sixth grade teacher taught her how to crochet. After having trouble following patterns, she taught herself how to sew. As for drawing and painting, Ferguson said she's always had those gifts.

Ferguson can make clothing, dolls, things for the kitchen such as potholders and many other crafty items. She also used to design and make Christmas cards for people.

Unfortunately, because of lack of time, Ferguson says she doesn't often get to make crafts anymore. She said that caring for her one-year-old granddaughter takes up most of her time now.

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Women split Viterbo, Grinnell

Knights drop fourth close game, 68-67, at the hands of Viterbo.

by Kris O'Rear
Staff Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team split competition this week with a win against Grinnell and a tough loss at Viterbo.

Friday night Wartburg traveled to La Crosse, Wis. to take on the V-Hawks of Viterbo College, losing a tight game 68-67.

In the first half the team shot 48 percent from the floor compared to Viterbo's 45 percent.

Still the Knights were down 34-28 going into half-time.

Viterbo came out of the intermission with some momentum and expanded its lead to as many as 18 points in the second half.

Wartburg battled back from the 18 point deficit with the help of junior Jill Baethke who scored a team high 14 points.

Senior Mary Jo Vrba also had 10 points and six rebounds in the comeback effort.

The V-Hawks' second half spurt was too much for the Knights.

Viterbo's Heidi Benhke scored a game high 22 points for the V-Hawks.

Three of the four losses for the Knights this season were by one point and the other loss was by only five points.

"Until the team decides to correct some mistakes, we will continue to lose those close games," said head coach Monica Severson.

Freshman Jenni Donohue had a good performance coming off the bench. She scored 10 points missing only two of the six shots she attempted.

"Jenni Donohue played pretty well. She is starting to come around as far as scoring points and rebounding for us," said Severson.

Wednesday the Knights hosted the Pioneers of Grinnell College in a non-conference match-up.

The game was a close one with Wartburg taking a 23-20 lead into the locker room at half-time.

Neither Wartburg or Grinnell had the hot hand, shooting only 35 percent and 25 percent from the floor respectively.

Wartburg got help from some familiar faces in Phillmann and Baethke scoring 15 and 10 respectively.

Donohue put up some impressive numbers with seven points, three assists and eight rebounds in just 16 minutes of play.

The Wartburg women will continue play after Christmas break against Upper Iowa University and are looking to turn up the play a notch.

"It is disappointing going into break with a close loss like that, but we do not need to dwell on the game," said senior Mary Jo Vrba.

"We still have a 2-1 conference record and need to work towards getting better during Christmas break."

Photo by Heather Simpson
LAYING IT IN—Sarah Henrichs puts in a shot.

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The Eagles shot 45 percent from three-point range for the game, making nine of 20 attempts.

"We just did not shoot the ball well. That made a big difference in the game," said Peth.

Kloster, David Nielsen, and Matt Wheeler combined to score 50 of the Knights' 58 total points.

Kloster also contributed 14 rebounds.

"We've got to do a better job of getting every individual ready to play, whether we are at home or on the road," Peth said.

Kloster said, the Knights have a lot of talent and a lot of good individual players, but there is a need to focus on putting it all together.

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Dick Peth
Men's head basketball coach

"We need to work on becoming a team," said Kloster.

The men return to campus just a few days after Christmas to begin practicing again.

"I'm looking forward to getting back together with the team after break. We've got 17 conference games ahead of us," said Peth.

Wartburg's next home game is Jan.3 against non-conference Marycrest International, conference play will begin again on Jan. 6 against Upper Iowa University.

Women's basketball smartest in the nation

by Sarah Speltz
Staff writer

The 1996-97 Wartburg women's basketball team was top-ranked in the nation for all division schools in the 1997 Academic Top-25 Team Honor Roll.

"I think it's a great honor for the student athletes," said head coach Monica Severson.

According to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the Knights' 3.621 cumulative grade point average (GPA) topped the charts not only for Division III women's teams, but all NCAA divisions.

"It starts with recruiting," said Severson. "It is important to recruit good students who also want to play basketball."

After that, she said,"It becomes a culture with the team."

She said new team members see the older student studying, and they learn the importance of academics.

"It's one of those things that, as a coach, I really don't do anything. It's the student athletes who do the studying and go to classes to get the good grades," said Severson.

Kayah-Bah Phillmann, a returning letterwinner and co-captain for the Knights, said sometimes trying to balance a sport with homework and classes can be more stressful, but she said, "you learn to be pretty organized."

"We know we have to put aside time for practice. It's our choice to be involved in a sport," said senior co-captain Mary Jo Vrba.

"Every individual on the team is pretty serious about their academics," said Phillmann.

"Both the team and the coaches are very supportive," said Vrba.

"We talk about academics," said Severson. She said she asks her players to write goals not only for the athletic season, but academic goals as well.

"I think it helps to emphasize how much more important academics are than sports, especially at this level," said Phillmann.

Vrba said basketball only lasts so long, but setting high standards and achieving goals is important throughout a person's life.

Achieving top academic honors in the nation is an honor for the Knights.

"It kind of rewards hard work in the classroom," said Severson, when sometimes in athletics, academics are kind of "pushed to the back-burner."

Last year's women's basketball squad included Dawn Matthias, Pam Stamper, Laurie Wilkinson, Holly Wulkow, Jenni Zarn, Vrba, Jill Baethke, Emily Bailey, Kristi Loy, Elly Michaels, Jennifer Nettleton, Phillmann, Carrie Hanson and Jessica Sandvold.

1997 was not the first year Wartburg has achieved this academic honor.

During the 1996-97 season, Wartburg also had the highest cumulative grade point average, but was not recognized as number one because of a discrepancy with the numbers.

Severson said one of the Knights' goals this year is to win the academic honor roll award a third time.

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SPORTS

Knights school competition

Knights pound opponents at their own Dick Walker Invitational.

by Derek Miller
Sports Editor

Wartburg College wrestling continued its dominance as it pounded their competition at the Dick Walker Invitational Saturday in Knights Gymnasium.

Wartburg tallied 204.5 points as they breezed by Loras, Augustana and Simpson who scored 147, 131 and 115.5 points respectively.

"Overall we did really well, we had some mental lapses and we still have to get a lot better, but it was as good as we wrestled all year," said defending IIAC champion Mike Alesch.

Wartburg's Zac Weiglen, was named the tournaments Most Outstanding Wrestler.

"I think that I wrestled my best, but I am always looking to improve," said Weiglen.

Weiglen defeated Nick Hessler of Augustana, 7-1, to claim the 118 pound championship.

At 126, Wartburg's Casey Doyle placed second as Nick Dohrmann of Cornell defeated him 3-2 in the finals.

Freshman Ryan Friedrich placed fourth at 126.

Nick Mitchell placed fifth at 134 for the Knights. Mitchell lost to second place finisher Matt Young of Simpson, on a controversial stalling call in double overtime.

Frank Walsh and Mitch Parker placed fourth and sixth respectively at 142 pounds for the Knights.

Wartburg dominated at 150 pounds where they took the top three places. Ryan Hess finished in first place with Chris Smith second and Jerrod Keith placing third for the Knights.

"I think that we are in better shape than the first part of the season,"said Smith. "Were pushing more and people are taking control of matches."

The Knights took the top three spots at 158 where Alesch defeated Casey Christensen, 8-5, for first place in the weight class.

"I felt I did as well as I could. This was the first meet I was completely heathly for, but I have a long way to go to where I want to be for the rest of the year," said Alesch

Carson Andorf also placed third for the Knights.

Ben Jobgen defeated Tim Norton of Simpson in the finals to finish first at 167.

"I wrestled pretty well. Overall the team had a good tournament," said Jobgen.

Jobgen also said Coach Miller said he was pleased with the teams progress and the teams continued improvement.

At 177, Chris Ortner placed second losing to Brad Schnowske of Augustana 11-9 in the final round.

Wartburg had a big day at 190 where Josh Dodd defeated last years national runner-up at 177, Ryan Birt of Upper Iowa.

Wartburg's Jason Crooks and Matt Buskohl finished third and fifth respectively at 190.

Kris O'Rear placed fourth at heavy weight for the Knights. O'Rear had trouble defeating Augustana's Eric Kubatske who beat O'Rear twice on Saturday.

Wartburg will wrestle again on Dec. 29-30 at the Florida Duals in Orlando, Florida and on Jan. 5 at the UW-La Crosse Dual.

Photo by Jill Benson

UPSIE DAISY—Jay Bollman makes a move on an opponent during the Dick Walker Invitational Saturday in Knights Gymnasium. Wartburg won the meet with a score of 204.5 points, defeating Loras, Augustana, Simpson and Iowa Central.

Photo by Steve Youde

IN A STATE OF MOURNING— Wartburg Athletic Director Gary Grace with his Nebraska Cornhusker memorabilia and a bouquet of flowers that were sent to him in loving memory of Nebraska's legendary coach, Tom Osborne, announced his retirement this past week. Grace is a die-hard Cornhusker fan and joins the rest of the red and white faithful in mourning the loss of of their beloved coach.

Cold shooting freezes Knights

Wartburg traveled to St. Paul, Minn. Saturday to take on the Eagles of Northwestern, and came home with a 71-58 loss.

by Sarah Speltz
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's basketball team lost 71-58 to Northwestern College in a non-conference game Saturday.

Head coach Dick Peth said he expected the Eagles to be a tough team after seeing them win the Buzz Levick Tournament.

The tournament, named in honor of the legendary basketball coach, was hosted by Wartburg earlier in the year.

"They did everything we expected them to," said senior Rich Kloster.

The Eagles held the Knights to 22 points in the first half. Wartburg made only seven of 32 attempts, shooting 22 percent in the first half.

The Eagles shot a comparative 44 percent from the field in the first half.

The Knights went into halftime trailing by 15 points, 37-22.

"We came out not ready to play," said Kloster. "We had terrible shooting to start out with. We got in a hole and never recovered."

The Knights shot a disappointing 32 percent from the floor, hitting only 22 of 69 shots for the game.

Wartburg made only five of 26 attempts from behind the three-point line for the game.

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